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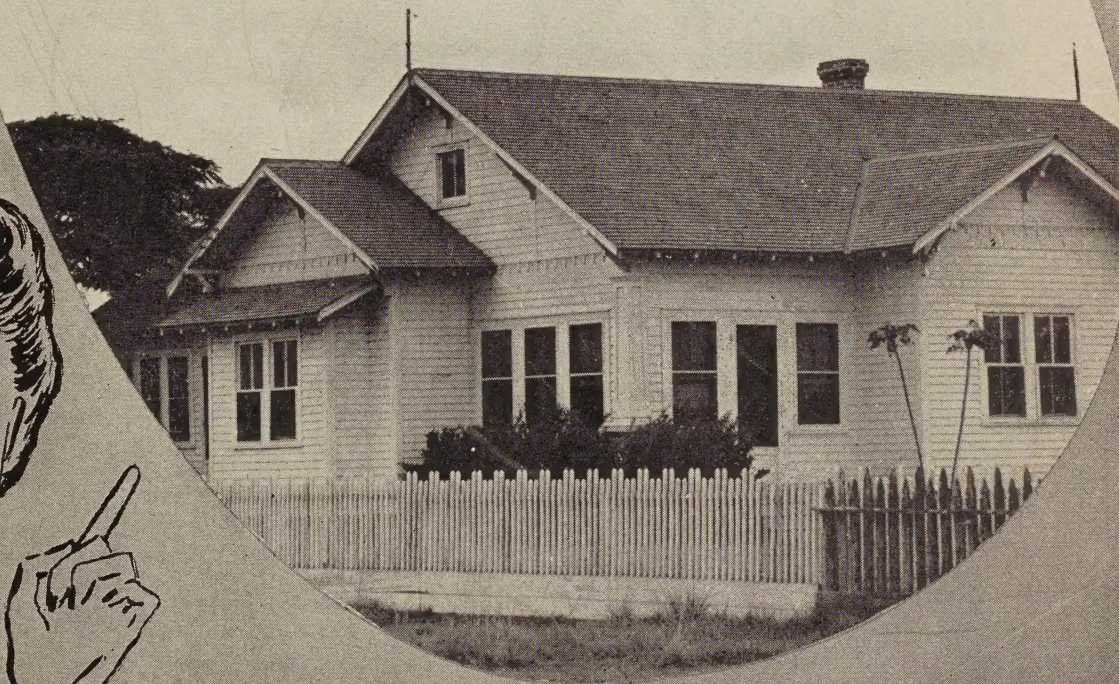
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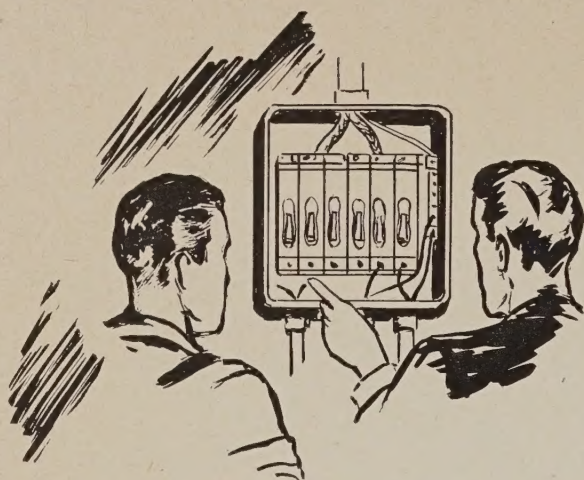
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OUR HOME IS

Safe ELECTRICALLY

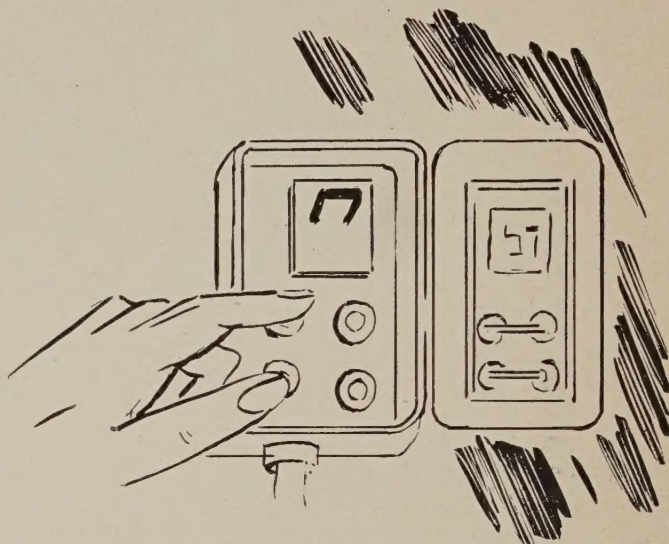


"We started on the right foot when we first wired—sat down with an electrical inspector and planned the job from roof to cellar. And since then—well, we just believe in keeping it safe! Come along with us and see how we do it . . ."



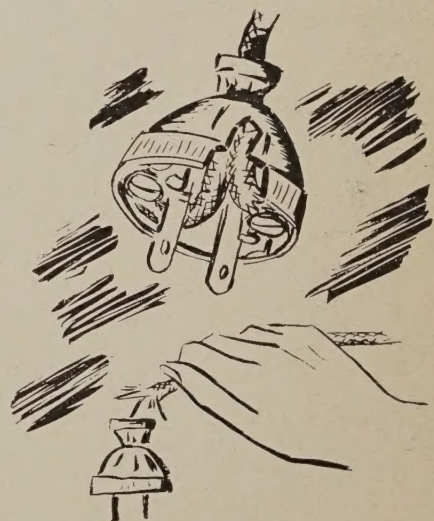
◆ “Dad and our boy, Dave, put in a new circuit the other day. But we didn’t try it out until the inspector had checked it. That was plain common sense, don’t you think? After all, we’re not experts . . .”

“I like to think of a fuse as a safety valve, that will blow off if the pressure piles up too much. We keep the pressure down by not using too many appliances at once. And we pasted a chart on our fuse-box, so that we know which fuse to replace when one blows out. The co-op wireman told us what size fuses each of our circuits use, and we never put back a larger one than we took out. Most of our circuits are 15 amperes, he said.”



◆ “Got a little shock from one of my heating appliances the other day. That’s a danger signal—so I checked it, and found a loose wire . . . didn’t take much fixing. We keep eyes and ears open for signals like that—a plug that fits loosely in a wall receptacle, or a socket without a lamp in it, or a humming lamp. Best way to beat trouble is to head it off.”

“We don’t like ratty old cords around our place. If we see any signs of wear, we always install a new cord, or shorten the cord and make a new connection at the plug end. By the way, we *never* run cords under rugs!”



◆ “You’ll never find us touching electrical gadgets with wet hands or while there’s water or dampness near . . . no, sir! They say that’s one of the most frequent causes of accidents. We don’t even have a switch near a water connection.”

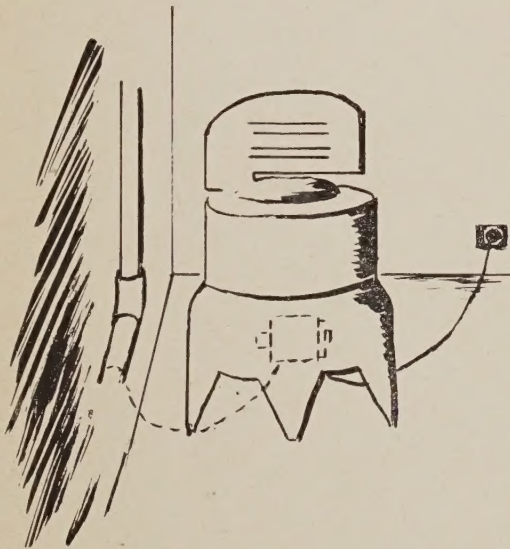
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"One thing our family insists on is good light on the stairways! See that switch? It's right at the foot of the stairs, so we can see when we go up. There's one at the top, too, to light our way down. And we have big enough lamps in the stairwell socket to chase the shadows."



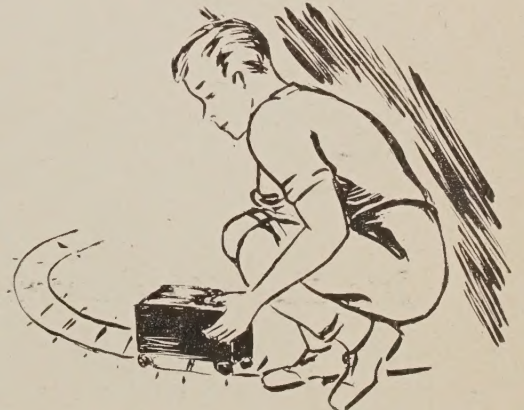
◆ "By the way, we find it a good rule never to touch two lamps or two switches or any other two grounded metal objects at the same time. Nothing sticks in my mind more than the danger of fire from leaving appliances on. I always turn off my iron and other heating appliances just as soon as I'm through using them and disconnect the plug by pulling *it*, not the cord, from the outlet."

"And speaking of beating trouble to the punch, we've tossed out several metal sockets which we had in the bathroom and cellar. There's too much chance for dampness there—so we've changed them for non-metallic sockets. We put insulating links in the pull-chains, too."



◆ "'Course, when I wash clothes, some of the water from the washing machine *does* slop on the floor. So the Co-op man showed me how to ground the frame of my washer motor to a water pipe, so the electricity will be carried away in case it gets loose. I've never had any trouble."

"Last Christmas one of the neighbor's children got a severe burn from one of the toys which had a loose connection. You can bet they fixed that in a hurry. We see that *our* kids keep their electrical toys in good repair—and the Christmas tree lights, too! Dad and I check up to make sure they do! Good Christmas tree lights cost a little more, but they are a lot safer."



"Safety Runs Our House"



"There aren't many things you have to remember about electrical safety around the house. Mainly, it's just common sense. Like repairing frayed cords, and keeping lamps in sockets, and getting plenty of light on stairways . . ."

". . . And keeping wet hands away from electrical appliances! That socket nipped me the other day because I forgot to dry my hands . . . It's about time I changed it over to a non-metallic one."



"Teacher told us how an electric circuit works, so now I know better than to fool with wires when the juice is turned on. I know how to change a fuse, too."

"Mother caught me jerking a cord from an outlet the other day. Was she sore! . . . I learned how to repair cords in my 4-H club meeting the other day."



It's Easy to Remember—Play Safe With Electricity!